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1. U.S. APPLE INDUSTRY STRONGLY URGING EXTENSION DUTY SUSPENSION OR AT LEAST, CONTINUATION OF CURRENT TEMPORARY RATE TO END OF MAY.
2. SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE HAS REJECTED UK REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY RATE. HENCE, MATTER WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON JANUARY 23-24

UNLESS ONE OF THE MINISTERS BRINGS IT UP ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE.

3. PLEASE PROVIDE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO APPROPRIATE AGMINISTRY OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT ANY BRITISH INITIATIVE AT THE COUNCIL MEETING: (A) PRICES TO EC CONSUMERS ALREADY HIGH. (B) EC STORAGE SUPPLIES ARE DIMINISHING, PUTTING ADDITIONAL UPWARD PRESSURE ON PRICES. (C) FURTHER PRESSURES ON PRICES EXPECTED BECAUSE OF -- (1) NORTH ATLANTIC-UNITED KINGDOM FREIGHT CONFERENCE GENERAL RATE WILL INCREASE 8 PER CENT ON FEBRUARY 1 AND A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SURCHARGE OF 6 PERCENT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON MARCH 1; AND (2) THE NORTH ATLANTIC-BALTIC CONFERENCE AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC-CONTINENTAL FREIGHT CONFERENCE ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE THEIR RATES BY AN IDENTICAL AMOUNT. D) LOWER DUTY WOULD PARTIALLY OFFSET THE POTENTIAL INCREASES IN OCEAN TRANSPORT COSTS. CHRISTOPHER

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